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SUBJECT: ICELAND CURRENTLY UNABLE TO ASSIST WHO WITH H1N1 SUPPORT

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1. (SBU) Econoff delivered request contained in reftel to Sveinn Magnusson, Chief Medical Advisor at the Ministry of Health on November 3. Mr. Magnusson told Econoff that Iceland, as elsewhere, has been slow to receive the quantity of H1N1 vaccines ordered. Currently, the vaccine is available only to individuals in the high risk categories. Approximately 80 percent of those eligible have opted to receive the vaccine. The vaccine will be made available to the general public, by appointment, at the end of this month.

2. (SBU) Magnusson thanked Econoff for information regarding the request for WHO assistance but stated that Iceland is unable to provide any contributions to the WHO at this time. He anticipates that there will be no surplus of the vaccine after inoculations are completed. Magnusson also said, however, that he will keep the request in mind should Iceland's situation change to where it might be in a position to contribute.

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